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SUBJECT: NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF JUGOSLOVENSKI AERO-
TRANSPORT (JAT) DRAGOSLAV RADISAVLJEVIC

1. BELGRADE DAILIES REPORT THAT DRAGISLAV RADISAVLJEVIC
HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF JAT, REPLACING
VIDOMIR KRUNIC WHO WILL BECOME YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE
IN ICAO.

2. ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION,
RADISAVLJEVIC IS MAJOR GENERAL ON ACTIVE DUTY IN YUGOSLAV
AIR FORCE. HE WAS BORN IN 1924, HELD PROMINENT POSITIONS
IN PARTISAN ORGANIZATION, GRADUATED FROM HIGHER
MILITARY ACADEMY, SERVED AS HEAD OF POLITICAL DEPART-
MENT IN ARMY DIVISION, THEN AS DEPARTMENT HEAD AT
MILITARY ACADEMY. HE IS MEMBER OF SUPREME MILITARY
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COURT, OF LCY CITY COMMITTEE, BELGRADE, AND IS

DESCRIBED AS "PROMINENT BELGRADE SOCIO-POLITICAL WORKER".

3. COMMENT: SENIOR JAT OFFICIALS TELL US THAT, JUST PRIOR TO CURRENT APPOINTMENT, RADISAVLJEVIC WAS CHIEF OF AIR FORCE OPERATIONS GROUP, WHICH IS OPERATIONAL COMMAND GROUP FOR AIR FORCE, ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, RADISAVLJEVIC HAS HIT JAT LIKE CYCLONE. SMALL OF STATURE, HE ALWAYS WEARS UNIFORM, AND CONDUCTS SURPRISE MIDDLE-OF-NIGHT INSPECTIONS OF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AT BELGRADE AIRPORT. HE HAS ORDERED AROUND-THE-CLOCK STAFFING AT ALL JAT DOWNTOWN BELGRADE LOCATIONS, FIRED SEVERAL HIGH-RANKING PEOPLE, AND INSISTS ON FIRM, KNOWLEDGEABLE FACTUAL ANSWERS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF.

4. RADISAVLJEVIC VISITED U.S. FOR TWO WEEKS IN JUNE 1973 TO STUDY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES. HE PARTICIPATED IN MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS DC-10 DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT HERE. HE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.
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